

Delaware Human Trafficking Coordinating Council

Public Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2017

In attendance person/conference call: Mary McDonough, Patty D'Angelo, Johanna Bishop, Marion Chandler, Carl Colantuona, Christian Craig, Mary Darby, Wendy Gallagher, Laurie Guinard, Elisa Lehman, Annamarie McDermott, Nancy McGee, Murphy Marbury, Jashina Miller, Kimberly Murphy, Sandy Spence, Sally Millbury-Steen, Sunny Rayavarapu, and Yolanda Schlabach,

Note: If I have missed anyone that attended or who was on the conference call, or if I spelled a name incorrectly, please advise.

Next Meeting is Friday, February 17, 2:30pm – 4pm

Next Meeting will be on March 24, 2017 - going forward the meetings will be third Friday of the month

Location: 500 N. King Street, Court House – CCP conference room

Conference call information:

Call: 1-877-366-0711

Participant's code: 85006785#

Leader's code: 82059846#

Topics discussed:

1. Approval of January 26, 2017 minutes
2. Printing update – looking into new/more diverse photos for our flyers, we will need to agree on photos prior to ordering new flyer quantity discussed for reprint was 2500 – Patty will contact our graphic designer once we have agreed to the photos. Flyer will be updated to include Spanish. We may need Norma Freire's assistance as she is bilingual.
3. Yolanda Schlabach had a Human Trafficking awareness interview on WHYY on Saturday night, 01/28/17, 5 pm and Sunday 01/29/17 with Larry Mentze at noon. Additionally, Yolanda had an interview online/88.7 in Bridgeville.
4. Discussion for Medical sub-committee to focus on documented protocol for how Human Trafficking victims are responded too. It was also discussed that the medical sub- committee should be part of HTCC- Victim Services committee.
5. Legislatures were very receptive – Thanks Yolanda and Nancy, Note: Yolanda received a standing ovation by legislatures. – Resolution passed in both House and Senate; Senator McDowell quoted Lincoln and referred to Human Trafficking as a form of slavery. Sandy Spence, member of our committee will speak at Joint Finance Committee on HB 35.
6. Topic for further discussion – Silvana Croope mentioned we need a state wide protocol for DelDOT, Law Enforcement, and Medical (medical is underway) - all three have a different approach. It was mentioned for Silvana to contact Shea Rhodes at Villanova. Vera Institute is another resource.
7. Updates from all sub - committees

Key new topics: Wawa

The committee is working on the presentation of our HT Flyers on the Community board at all Delaware Wawa's. Yolanda and Kristen have handled Sussex County and continue to restock these locations. Murphy completed Kent County. Many Wawa's have been completed in New Castle County. Sunny will work with other fellow high school students for the remainder of New Castle County by Mid- February. Murphy has volunteered to assist with Bear, etc. Patty will get flyers to Murphy. It was agreed to focus on Delaware only, not PA or MD. Sunny will track all Wawa locations completed. The student who posts the most flyers could receive a Wawa gift card. Royal Farms and 7- Eleven's continue to be pursued.

Note: The Wawa's need to be revisited to be restocked as the flyers may be taken by those in need.

Updates from 6 Subcommittees

1. DelDOT- Transportation – Silvana Croope and Stephanie Johnson (co-chairs)

DelDOT received the information regarding ad sizes and prices to place public awareness signs in at least two main buses within each county. Once they finalize available funding and decide which size ad space, they will reach back out to the council as we will need a quote for the cost of design.

DelDOT met with Brian Fahey, legislative aide to Senator DelCollo.

He expressed Senator DelCollo's passion in fighting human trafficking and has himself as a resource to the council. A number of constituents within his district have expressed concern over this issue. He also mentioned a massage parlor on Old Capital Trail that folks are very concerned about.

Stephanie Johnson will be forwarding him the PDF of the HT flyer to disseminate to his constituents.

Added: 02/16/17 from this meeting – Silvana Croope:

There is an open funding opportunity for training focused on Law Enforcement to combat human trafficking. The deadline is quickly approaching. The Committee has suggested engagement between DelDOT and DSP and offered the contact person from DSP. Conversations must happen soon to ensure interest and work can be done to submitting proposals to the funding opportunity together the Department of Justice.

2. Medical – Mary Darby, and Patty D'Angelo (co-chairs)

Commissioner gave a presentation and educated St. Francis hospital emergency staff. HT flyers were distributed and posted. It was suggested to have St. Francis nurses and forensic nurses to work together on hospital protocol for Human Trafficking victims. Introductions were made between St. Francis and Forensic nurses. All documentation sent from Elisa Lehman, Commissioner McDonough and Sandy Spence have been emailed to the nurses by Patty. If more information is needed, please let me know. We need to assure we include Dr. Stephen Lawless is part of the discussion with the nurses. Patty sent an email to this point. As noted above there was discussion this sub-committee may be restructured to be part of the HTCC- Victim Services committee.

Note: St. Francis does hold a state wide medical training symposium - more clarification may be needed.

3. Education – Johanna Bishop, Eleanor Kiesel (co-chairs), Murphy Marbury, Lori Sitler, and Angela Steele- Tilton.

All educational events went extremely well in January. Yolanda Schlabach gave a shout out to all, Wilm U, Del State, Cab, Archmere, etc... Wilm U had 125 people attend between two events, Cab Calloway 600 students/attendees and Del State 50-60 students. Johanna Bishop had a WDEL interview with Rick Jenson as well in January 2017. Eleanor Kiesel has an event with Uof D and Dr. Susan Miller scheduled in February 2017. New event, HT panel discussion is scheduled at St. Helena's for May 10, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Dorothy Medeiros, Sally Millbury-Steen, Fay Whittle, Yolanda Schlabach and Johanna Bishop are all part of this discussion. **Commissioner mentioned inviting Elizabeth Van Pelt and Periann Doko to this event. If their emails are needed please let Patty know.**

Wilm U has an event scheduled for July 17, 2017, location and time to follow; with Holly Austin Smith, author of Walking Prey, and trafficking survivor, Ms. Smith was trafficked in Atlantic City, New Jersey will be speaking. We encourage folks to purchase her book.

Yolanda Schlabach has been invited to the Red Clay Child Abuse conference for more education training, dates to follow.

4. Retail outreach and high school volunteers - Syreeta Scott, Sunny Rayarapu, Dennis Jones and Leslie Brower.

Wawa distribution of flyers continues. Nothing further to report on malls, Malls have not been receptive, One step at a time. Tanger Outlet contact is in process. HT Awareness paragraph was referenced in Rehoboth and Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. A copy was emailed to each committee member.

Syreeta Scott was able to get the attention of a Choice Hotel manager and forwarded them one of our HT Public Awareness flyers. **Syreeta will get the email address to me and I can forward to the Hotel – Hospitality subcommittee.** Laurie Guinard requested contact information as well from Syreeta.

Phase 2

1. Restructure of HT Public Awareness for Medical subcommittee. Do we still want to visit/post flyers at facilities other than hospitals. List of walk in centers is needed. Mary Darby may have a list.
2. A broader focus on HT Public Awareness for hotels, new name should be Hospitality subcommittee. This subcommittee will be in contact with the VP of Government relations with Marriott.
3. Adult Entertainment - with law Enforcement
4. Human Trafficking Public Awareness materials printed in other languages, including bookmarkers
5. Web site for HT Public Awareness
6. Updated HT Public Awareness photos on materials.
7. Public Awareness for Labor Trafficking and Human Trafficking of Children. More children than we think are being trafficked between the hours of 3pm and 6pm.
8. Addition of a Bereavement subcommittee
9. Addition of a Speakers Bureau subcommittee